Export of coal

6537. DR. MAHADEEPAK SINGH SHAKYA:
SHRI NITISH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether any decision has been taken to export coal to Bangladesh during the coming financial year;

(b) if so, the quantity thereof and the places from where the coal is proposed to be collected;

(c) the estimated quantity of coal likely to be extracted from these mines;

(d) the quantity of coal extracted from these mines during 1990-91;

(e) whether the Government will earn foreign exchange by exporting coal to Bangladesh; and

(f) if so, the value thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) Presumably the Hon'ble Member is referring to exports of coal to Bangladesh from Coal India Ltd. (CIL) sources. Coal is being exported to Bangladesh from CIL sources. CIL is planning to export coal to Bangladesh during 1992-93 also.

(b) Coal from CIL sources is exported to Bangladesh mainly from Eastern Coalfields Ltd. The actual quantity to be exported from India will depend on the demand of coal in Bangladesh and the export orders actually received.

(c) and (d) Coal production in Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) during the year 1990-91 was 23.47 million tonnes. The production target for ECL for 1991-92 was 24.5 million tonnes.

(e) Yes, Sir. Exports of coal to Bangladesh is done against hard currency payments.

(f) The foreign exchange to be earned by export of coal to Bangladesh during 1992-93 would depend on the quantum of coal exported and the price thereof;

[*English*]

Industrial Sickness in Andhra Pradesh

6538. SHRI RAMA KRISHNA KONATHALA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the industrial sickness is prevalent in Andhra Pradesh on a large scale;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the details of the guidelines issued and resources being made available of the State Government by the Union Government to remove industrial sickness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). According to Reserve Bank of India, 29,977, units in the small scale sector and 128 units in the non-small scale sector were sick as at the end of the September, 1990 in the state of Andhra Pradesh. A number of causes, both internal and external, are responsible for industrial sickness. The major causes, as reported by the banks, relate to marketing, financial, labour and production problems, management deficencies, power shortage, demand recession and natural calamities.

(c) As far as sick units in the non-small

scale sector are concerned, no finance is provided to the State Governments by Central Government. Under the Margin money Scheme, the Central Government provides funds to the State Governments for revial of sick units in the small scale sector. As on 31st March, 1992, the total amount sanctioned to the Government of Andhra Pradesh by the Central Government under the Margin Money Scheme for revival of sick SSI units amounted to Rs. 5.00 lakhs.

Supply of coal to Brick-Kiln

6539. SHRI C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal is not supplied regularly to Brick-Kiln industry;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government for its regular supply to small scale industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and(b). No, Sir, Regular supplies are made to the Brick-Kiln Industry by the coal companies. In fact, Coal India Limited (CIL) supplied 32.21 lakh tonnes of coal in 1990-91 to Brick-Kiln Industry. According to available information during 1991-92 upto September, 1991, CIL had supplied 14.23 lakh tonnes to the Brick-Kiln Industry.

(c) Government have advised all the coal companies to supply at least 50% of the linked quantity of coal to all the non-core sector industries including the small scale industries by road or by rail.

Land reforms and poverty alleviation Programme

6541. *SHRI ZAINAL ABEDIN: Will the* PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a scheme under consideration of the Union Government for organising the rural poor with a view to achieving substantial success in implementation of land reforms and poverty alleviation programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) when the execution of the scheme is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) to (c). A scheme for organisation of rural poor so that they get benefits of various rural development programme and land reforms is under consideration. No definite time schedule for this scheme can be indicated at this stage.

[*Translation*]

ESI Hospital in Sagar, M.P.

6542. SHRI ANAND AHIRWAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to construct a fifty-bed ESI hospital in Sagar, M.P. for the Bidi workers from the Bidi Workers Welfare Fund; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) and (b). A proposal to construct a 10 bedded hospital with provision for upgradation upto 50 beds at Sagar, M.P. for beedi workers from the Beedi Workers Welfare Fund is under examination. As such, at this stage, it is not possible to say as to when the hospital would be completed. *There is, at present, no proposal to construct an ESI hospital at Sagar, M.P.*